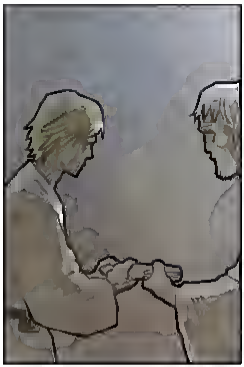

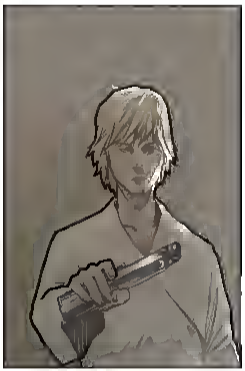

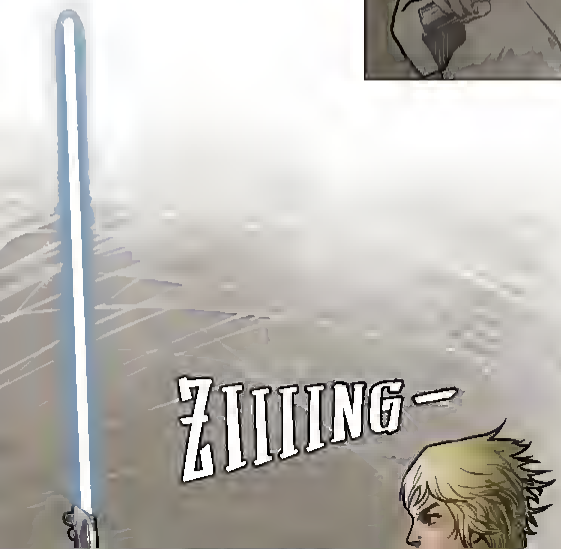
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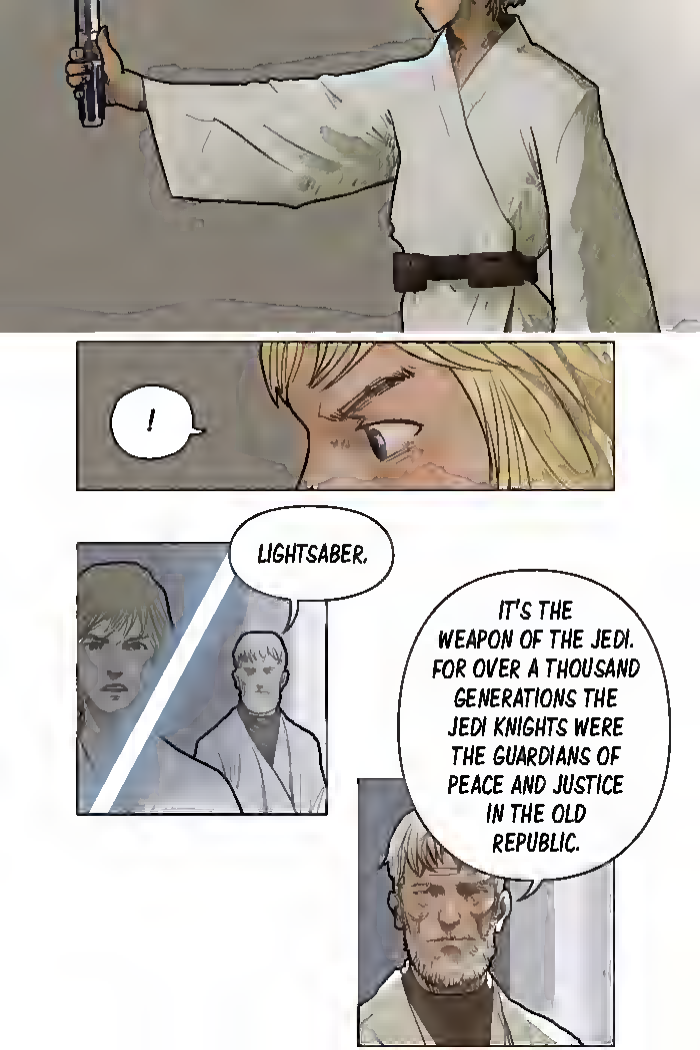
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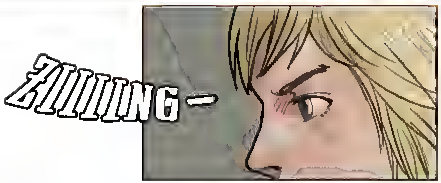
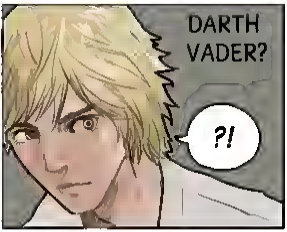
LIGHTSABER.
IT'S THE WEAPON OF THE JEDI. FOR OVER A THOUSAND GENERATIONS THE JEDI KNIGHTS WERE THE GUARDIANS OF PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THE OLD REPUBLIC.

STAR WARS™

BY HONG JAC GA



HE WAS BETRAYED AND MURDERED.
BY A JEDI NAMED "DARTH VADER."


DARTH VADER?
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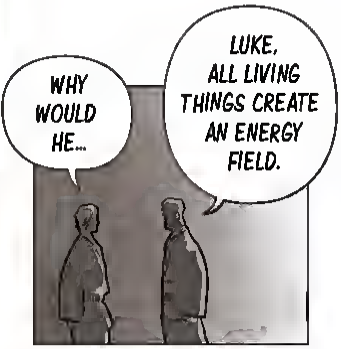
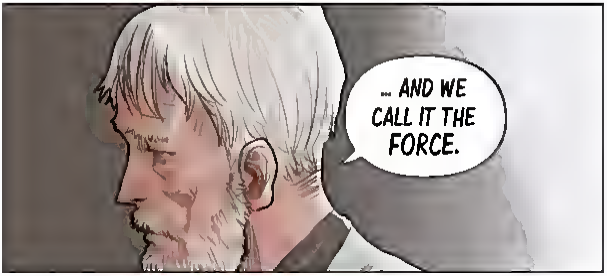
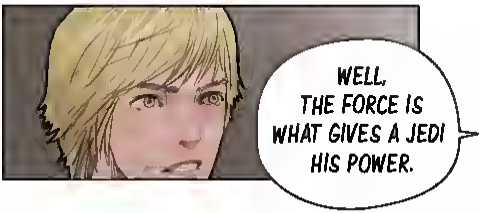
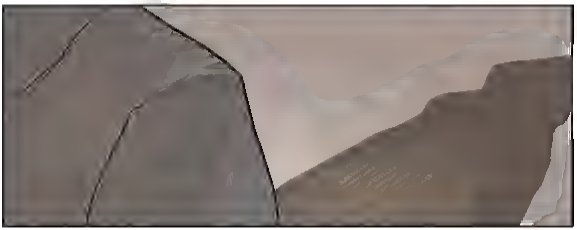

WHY WOULD HE...
LUKE, ALL LIVING THINGS CREATE AN ENERGY FIELD.


... AND WE CALL IT THE FORCE.


WELL, THE FORCE IS WHAT GIVES A JEDI HIS POWER.

THE POWER OF THE FORCE IS INFINITE AND POWERFUL,

BUT THERE ARE RISKS.



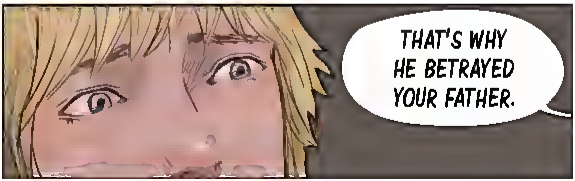
ONE CAN BE DEVOURED BY THE DARK SIDE OF THE FORCE.

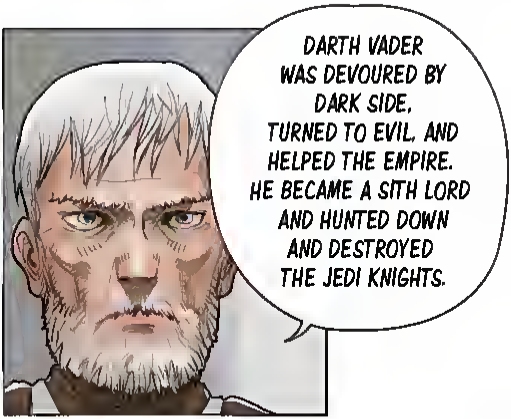
IT IS JUST LIKE THE SHADOW GETTING DARKER WHEN THE LIGHT GETS STRONGER.

JEDI SHOULD ALWAYS BE CAREFUL OF THE DARK SIDE OF THE FORCE.

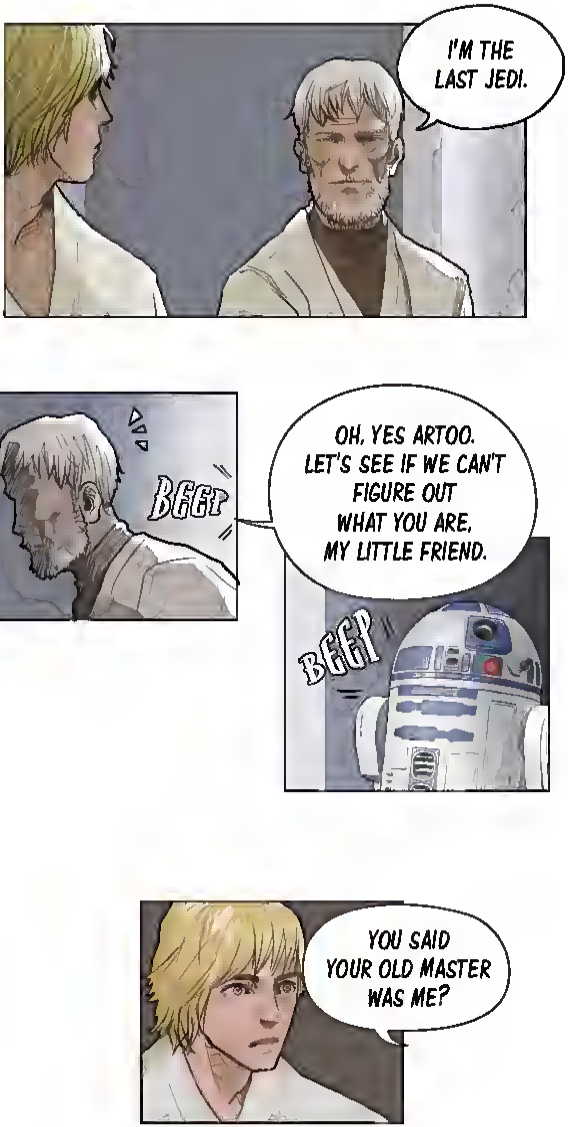
ALSO, WE HAVE TO OVERCOME FEAR.

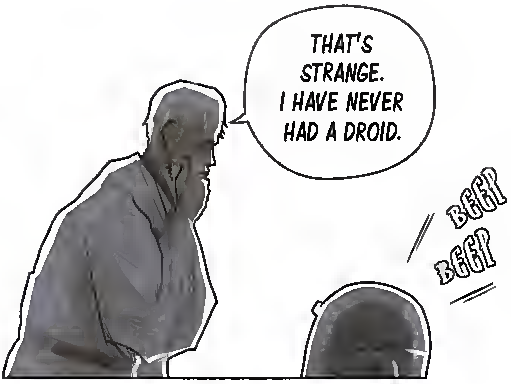
VADER WAS SEDUCED BY THE DARK SIDE OF THE FORCE.


THAT'S WHY HE BETRAYED YOUR FATHER.


DARTH VADER WAS DEVOURED BY DARK SIDE, TURNED TO EVIL, AND HELPED THE EMPIRE. HE BECAME A SITH LORD AND HUNTED DOWN AND DESTROYED THE JEDI KNIGHTS.

THAT'S HOW THE REPUBLIC FELL TO THE EMPIRE AND THE DARK TIMES STARTED.


I'M THE LAST JEDI.
BEEP
OH, YES ARTOO. LET'S SEE IF WE CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT YOU ARE, MY LITTLE FRIEND.
BEEP
YOU SAID YOUR OLD MASTER WAS ME?


THAT'S STRANGE. I HAVE NEVER HAD A DROID.
BEEP BEEP

POT-

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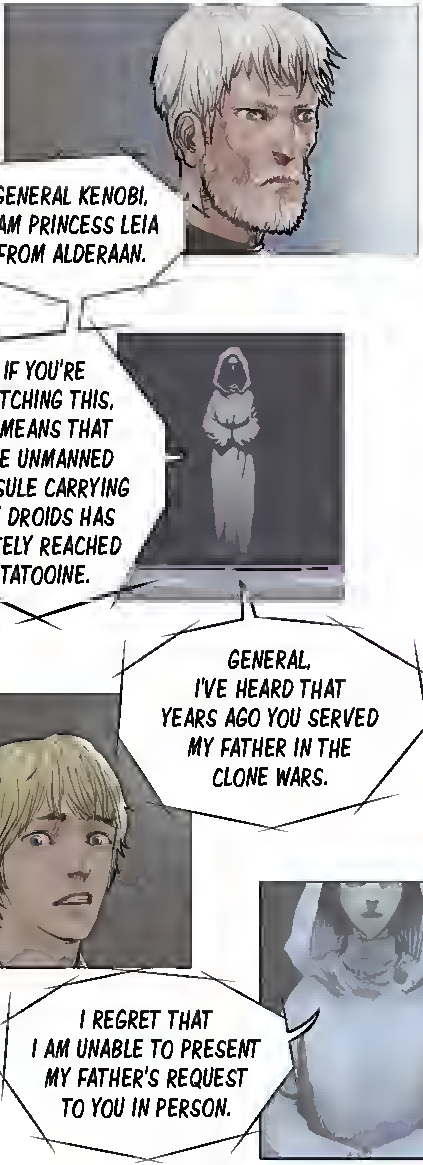
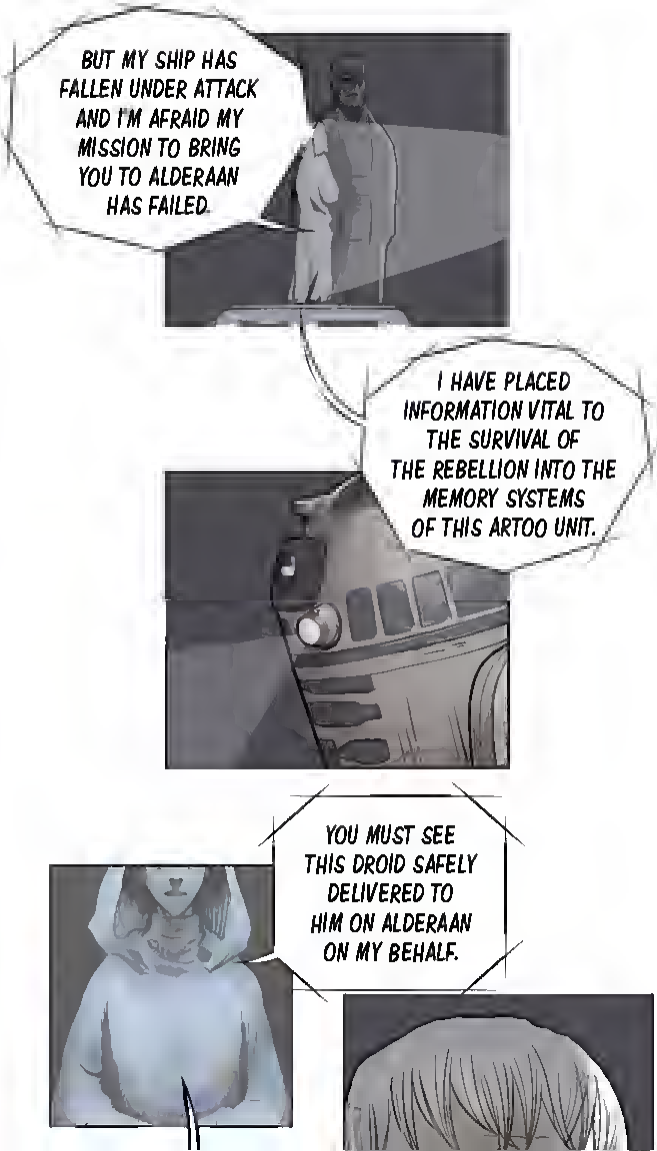

GENERAL KENOBI, I AM PRINCESS LEIA FROM ALDERAAN.
IF YOU'RE WATCHING THIS, IT MEANS THAT THE UNMANNED CAPSULE CARRYING MY DROIDS HAS SAFELY REACHED TATOOINE.
GENERAL, I'VE HEARD THAT YEARS AGO YOU SERVED MY FATHER IN THE CLONE WARS.
I REGRET THAT I AM UNABLE TO PRESENT MY FATHER'S REQUEST TO YOU IN PERSON.


BUT MY SHIP HAS FALLEN UNDER ATTACK AND I'M AFRAID MY MISSION TO BRING YOU TO ALDERAAN HAS FAILED.
I HAVE PLACED INFORMATION VITAL TO THE SURVIVAL OF THE REBELLION INTO THE MEMORY SYSTEMS OF THIS ARTOO UNIT.
YOU MUST SEE THIS DROID SAFELY DELIVERED TO HIM ON ALDERAAN ON MY BEHALF.

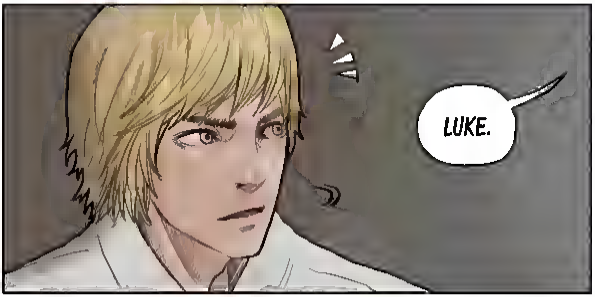
THIS IS OUR MOST DESPERATE HOUR.

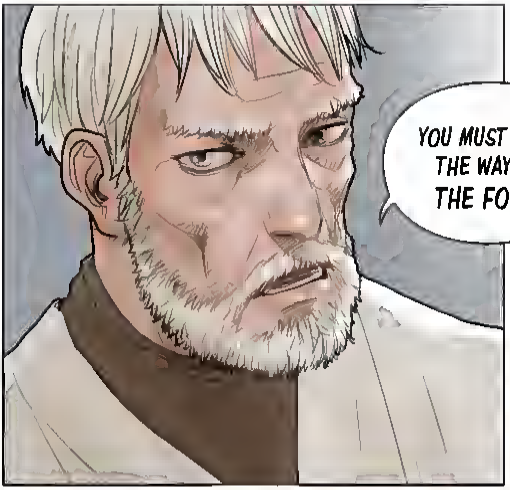
ALL MY ATTENDANTS ARE GONE AND THE EMPIRE WILL STRIKE THIS PLACE SOON.

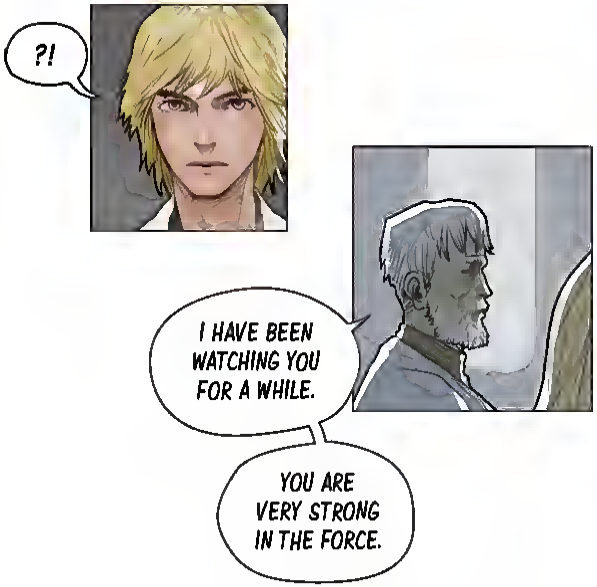
HELP ME. OBI-WAN KENOBI.

YOU'RE MY ONLY HOPE.

PSHH


LUKE.


YOU MUST LEARN THE WAYS OF THE FORCE.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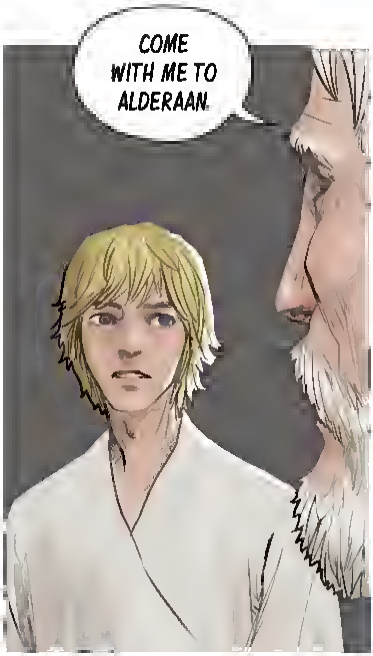
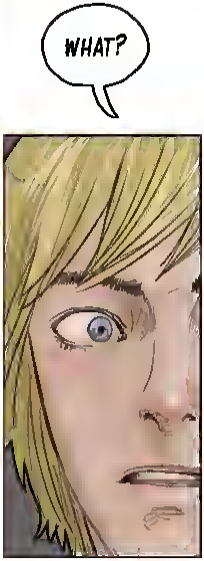
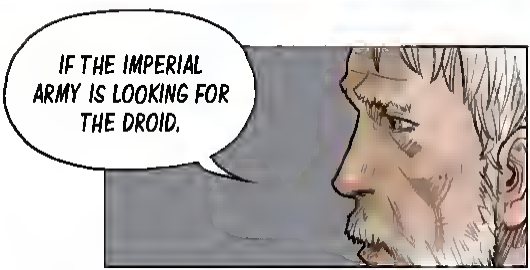
I HAVE BEEN WATCHING YOU FOR A WHILE.
YOU ARE VERY STRONG IN THE FORCE.

LIKE YOUR FATHER WAS.





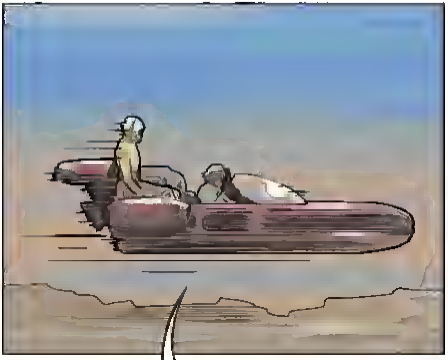
I'M NOT GOING TO ALDERAAN.
THAT MAKES NO SENSE.
I'VE GOT TO GO HOME.
IT'S LATE, I'M IN FOR IT AS IT IS.
OH, GOD, MY UNCLE. HOW AM I EVER GOING TO EXPLAIN THIS?


IF THE IMPERIAL ARMY IS LOOKING FOR THE DROID,

THIS PLACE ISN'T SAFE ANYMORE.

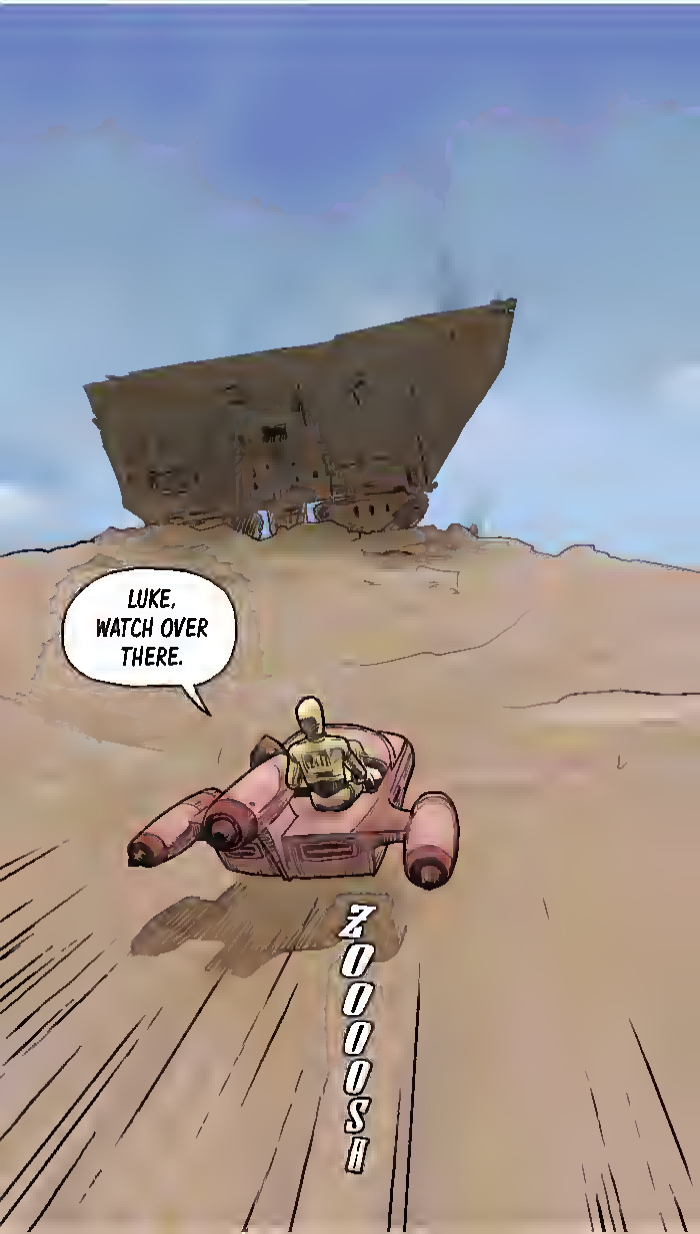
ZOOOO

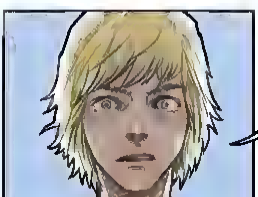
OOSH



I CAN TAKE YOU AS FAR AS ANCHORHEAD.

THERE MUST BE A WAY FOR YOU TO GET A TRANSPORT TO ALDERAAN OR WHEREVER YOU'RE GOING.


LUKE, WATCH OVER THERE.
ZOOOOSH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SCREECH-

THESE ARE THE SAME JAWAS THAT SOLD US R2-D2 AND C-3PO.

WHO WOULD DO SUCH....

COULD IT BE THE SAND PEOPLE...?

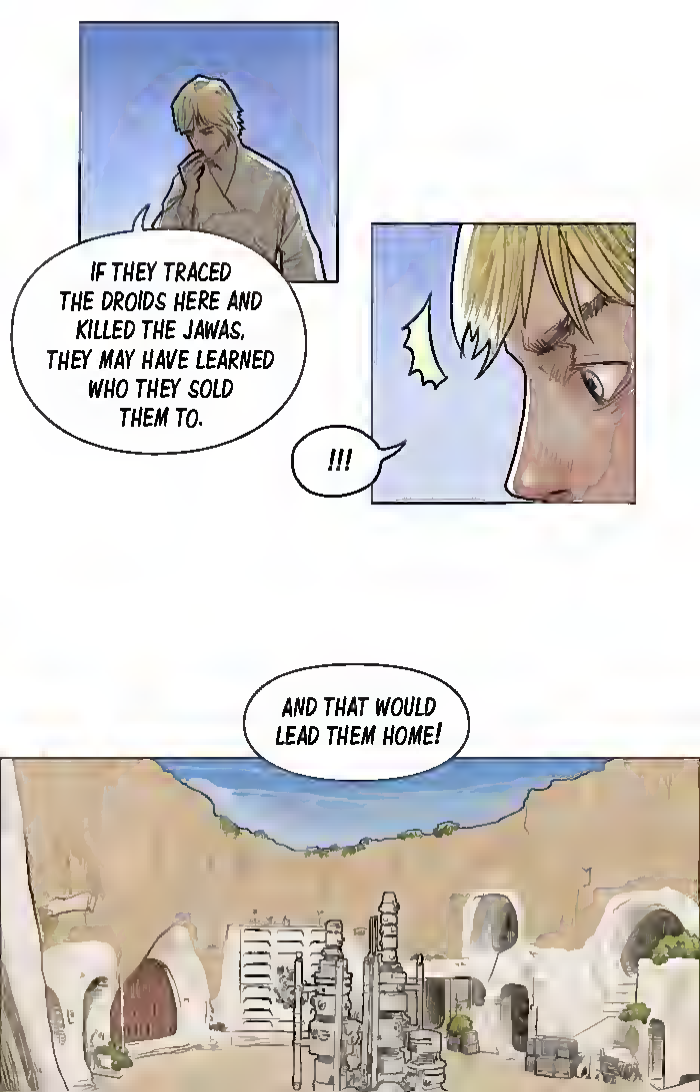
NO. IT'S IMPERIAL STORMTROOPERS. THEY MUST BE HERE FOR THE DROIDS.

THE JAWAS COLLECTED THE DROIDS AND SUFFERED FOR IT.

AND THESE FOOTSTEPS... BLASTER MARKS...

TARGETED TO THE CORE. TOO ACCURATE FOR SAND PEOPLE.

ONLY IMPERIAL STORMTROOPERS ARE SO PRECISE.


IF THEY TRACED THE DROIDS HERE AND KILLED THE JAWAS, THEY MAY HAVE LEARNED WHO THEY SOLD THEM TO.
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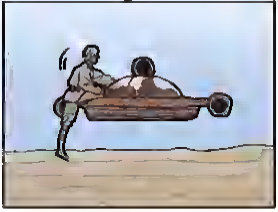
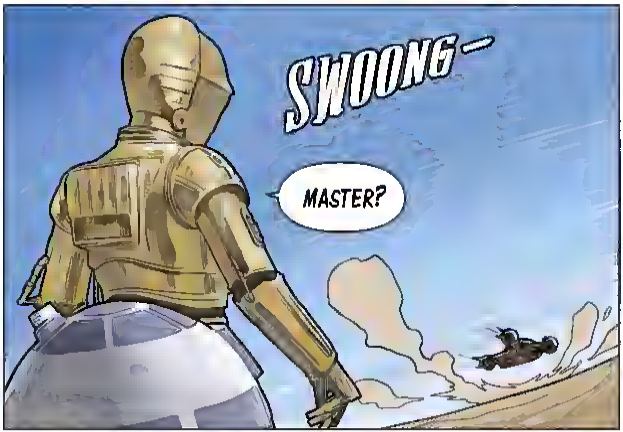
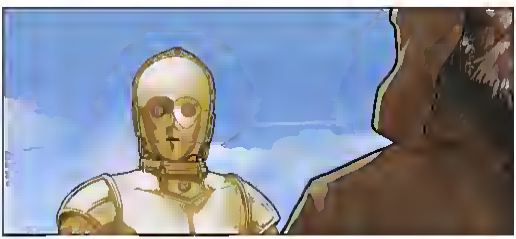
AND THAT WOULD LEAD THEM HOME!

MY UNCLE AND AUNT ARE IN DANGER!
TAT TAT
WAIT, LUKE! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS.




SWOONG—
MASTER?



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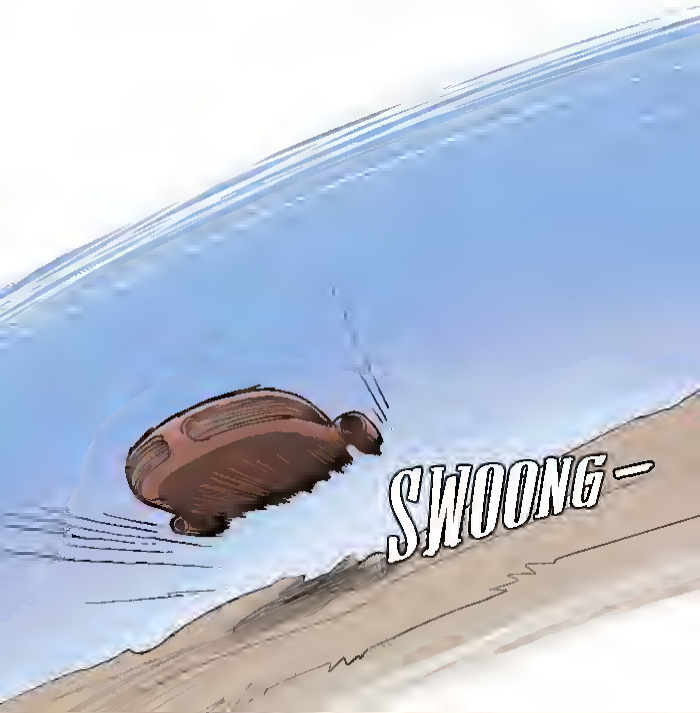
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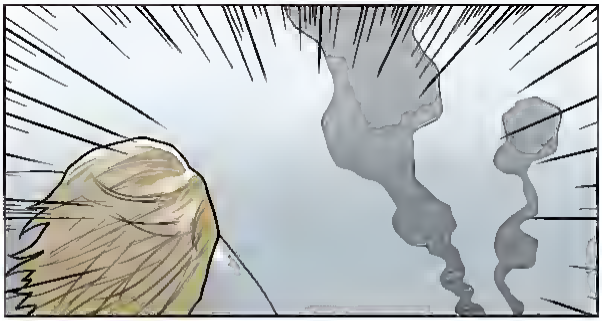
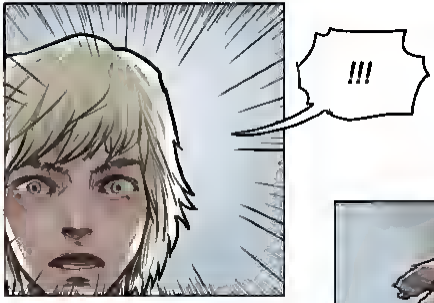
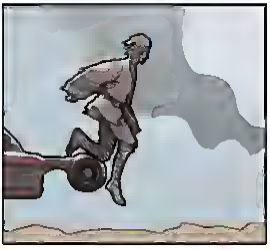
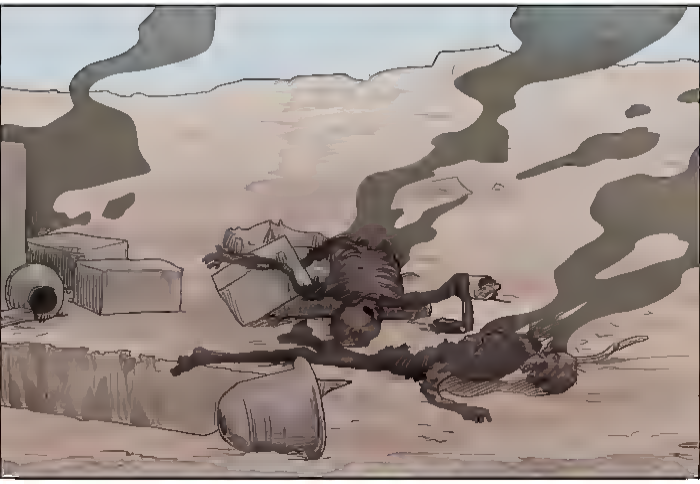
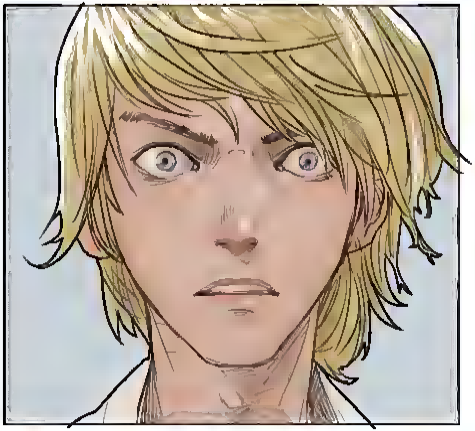


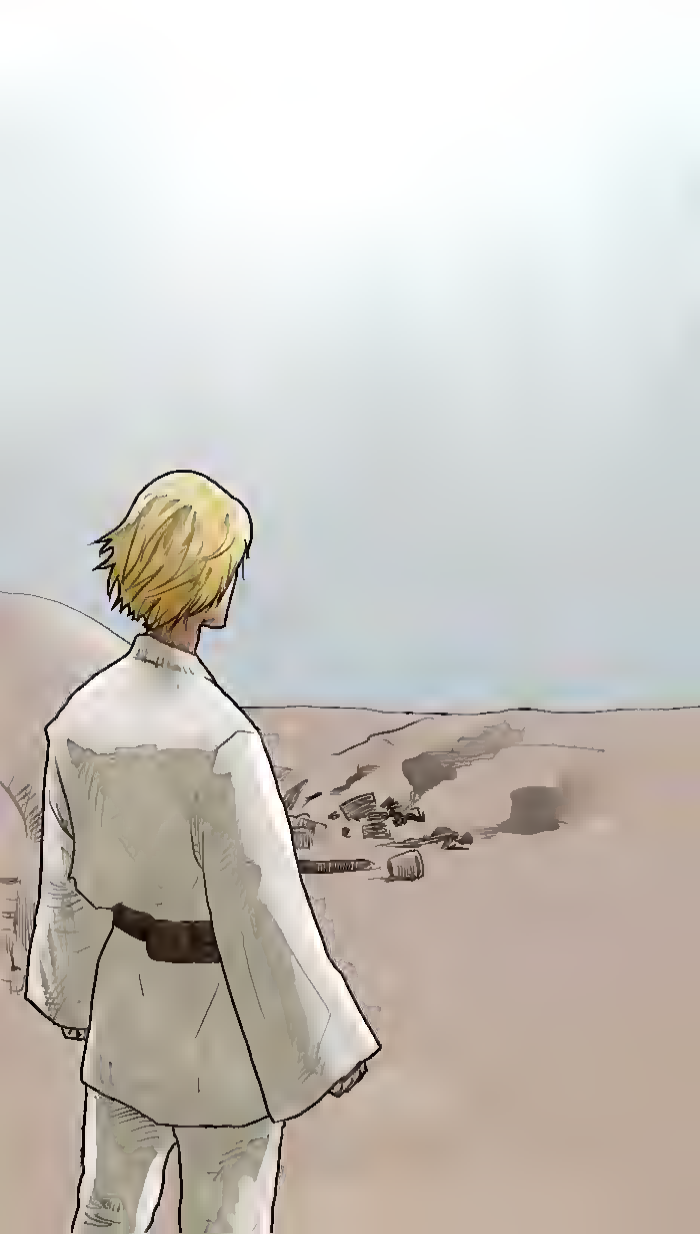


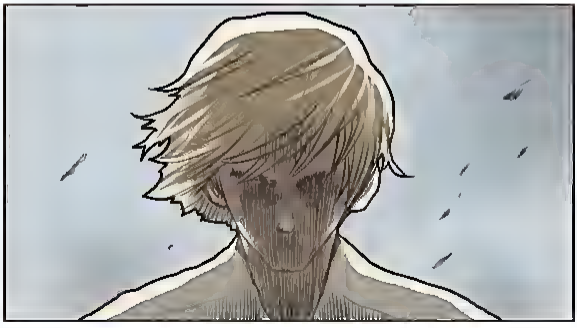


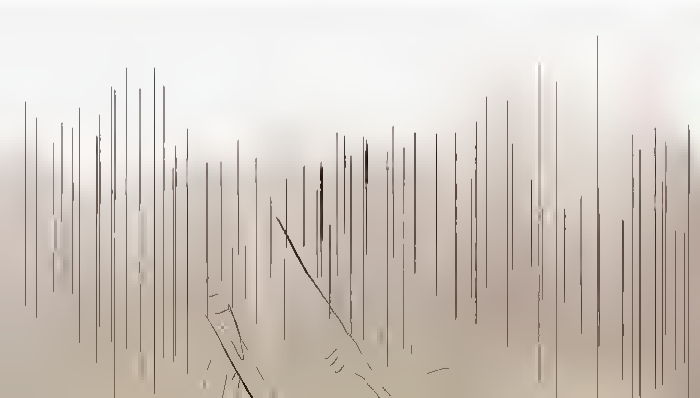
UNCLE OWEN!
AUNT BERU!

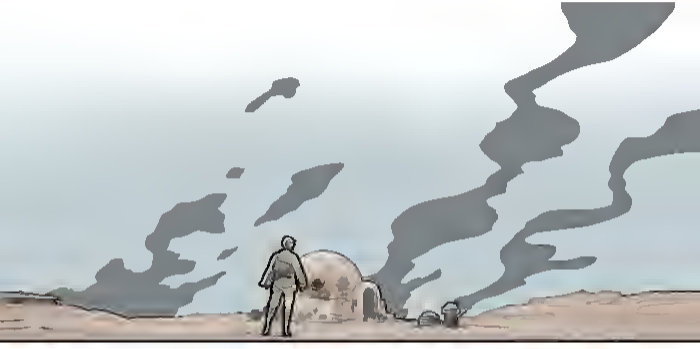


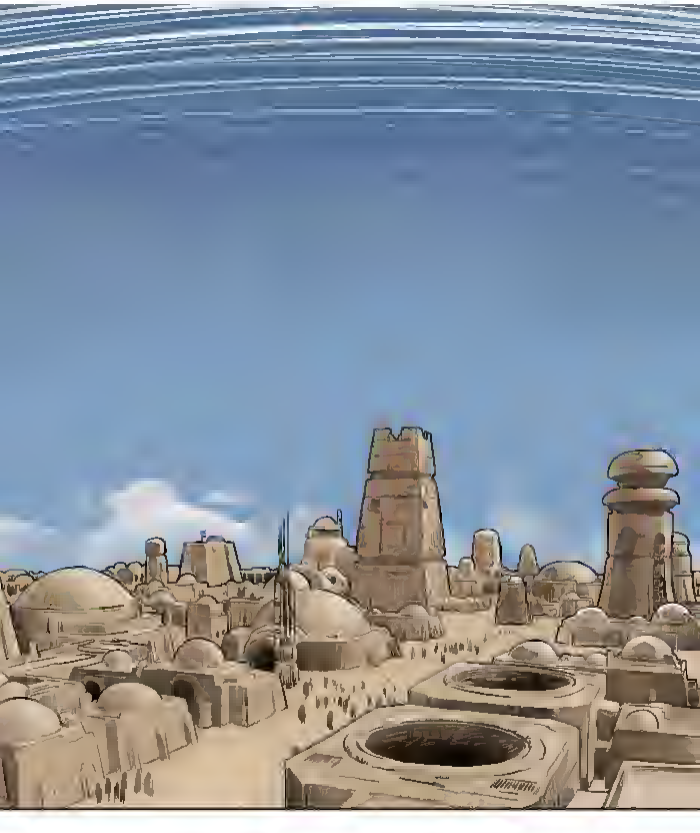












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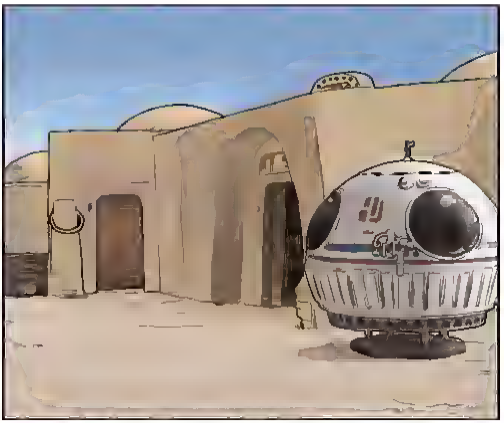

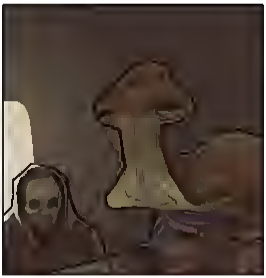

SO. WHAT BUSINESS BRINGS YOU HERE TO MOS EISLEY WHERE ALL OF THE GALAXY'S TRASH COMES TOGETHER?

WE NEED A SHIP THAT CAN TAKE US TO ALDERAAN.

A FAST SHIP.

WE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID ANY IMPERIAL ENTANGLEMENTS.

OKAY... SO WHAT'S THE CARGO?

ONLY PASSENGERS. MYSELF. THE BOY NEXT TO ME. TWO DROIDS

AND NO QUESTIONS ASKED.

YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT MAN.
I'M HAN SOLO. I'M CAPTAIN OF THE MILLENNIUM FALCON.
IT'S MY SPECIALTY TO TRAVEL AROUND THE GALAXY WITHOUT GETTING CAUGHT BY THE EMPIRE.

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